

Resolution to acknowledge the board (revised 6/7/16)

Whereas, The Center at Blessed Sacrament, now a key hub in the countywide system to end homelessness, started in 1998 as a humble ministry located in the convent at Blessed Sacrament parish, serving homeless adults with showers, clothing and food for many years;

Whereas, the convent was built in 1925 and housed the sisters of the Immaculate Heart Community through 1967, and was later known as "Casa Grande," where the Jesuits created a refugee center during the Civil War in El Salvador from 1985 to 1996;

Whereas, an advisory board formulated a plan to transition the ministry into a 501(c)3 nonprofit called Social Services at Blessed Sacrament, Inc., and tax-exempt status was granted on August 1, 2005;

Whereas, the name was changed to The Center at Blessed Sacrament in 2013;

Whereas, The Center commenced its plan for a renovation in 2008 when it became known that funds, administered by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), might be available to assist with the renovation;

Whereas, after the CRA secured construction bids to renovate the building in 2011, Governor Brown dissolved the redevelopment agencies in 2012 and many thought the convent's renovation was doomed;

Whereas, it was determined through some effective detective work, that the earmarked funds were not CRA tax increment funds, but UDAG funds administered by CRA;

Whereas, it took three years to free up those funds from the CRA and the city of Los Angeles Community Development Department, thanks to the dogged determination of Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell and his staff;

Whereas, several key funders stepped forward to fill the gap between the UDAG grant of \$1.5M and the additional \$600,000 needed to fund the construction;

Whereas, supreme gratitude is owed to the following generous capital funders who filled the gap: Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky; the Fred and June MacMurray Foundation, the Robert Green Foundation, the Ahmanson Foundation, and the Center's ever-present angel, the Aileen Getty Foundation;

Whereas, the board brought its considerable skills to the project, most notably Theale "Stormy" Haupt who donated his time to serve as Project Manager for the Center during the three year process of bidding out the construction work, fine-tuning the construction budget, and managing the contractor on behalf of The Center;

Whereas, The Center renovation simply could not have happened without the commitment of the Board of Directors, the staff who kept the doors open each day, and the various agencies and champions who kept the flame lit believing in the mission of The Center.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles declares its appreciation to The Center at Blessed Sacrament, Inc., for standing firm in its commitment to contribute to the city's goal to end homelessness in Los Angeles.

Draft resolution to honor Stormy Haupt (revised 6/6/16)

Whereas, The Center at Blessed Sacrament commenced its plan for a renovation in 2008 when it became known that funds, administered by the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA), might be available to assist with the renovation;

Whereas, about that time, Theale "Stormy" Haupt was working as Owner's Representative and Project Manager for Legacy Partners Builders, Inc. on the Hollywood & Vine project;

Whereas, as the funds became available for the renovation, Story was recruited in 2010 to join the board of the Center to provide technical guidance on the renovation;

Whereas, after the CRA commenced securing construction bids to renovate The Center in 2011, Governor Brown dissolved the redevelopment agencies in 2012 and many thought The Center renovation was doomed;

Whereas, it was determined shortly thereafter that the earmarked funds were not CRA tax increment funds, but UDAG funds administered by CRA, and with great effort from Councilmember Mitch O'Farrell, after three years the funds were released from the LA Community Development Department;

Whereas, Stormy oversaw many vital functions to bring this project to fruition, including bidding out the construction work, fine-tuning the construction budget, and negotiating with the contractor;

Whereas, Stormy displayed superhuman skills of patience and communication in dealing with various city departments to discuss complicated construction budget details and contract compliance issues;

Whereas, Stormy attended more than 100 meetings on behalf of The Center over a five-year period;

Whereas, Stormy volunteered his time to serve as Project Manager representing The Center, devoting at least 80 hours a month of his valuable time over the past year alone;

Whereas, The Center renovation simply could not have happened without the expertise and the conscientious commitment and leadership of Theale "Stormy" Haupt.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles declares its appreciation to Theale "Stormy" Haupt for his dedicated service to The Center at Blessed Sacrament, and his contribution to ending homelessness in our city.



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Two resolutions

1 message

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To: "Jeanne Chang (Min) (jeanne.min@lacity.org)" <jeanne.min@lacity.org>

Cc: Yolanda Brown <yolandabrown@gmail.com>

Hi Jeanne, it was terrific to see you last week at the tour of The Center.

As you know, I had reached out to see if the Councilmember could secure a resolution commending Stormy for his superlative superhuman efforts serving as our volunteer Construction Manager for the Center. As I started to craft the resolution, it started to morph into a history lesson of the Center and we thought it might be good to bifurcate this.

So, I am sending along – with the hopes that this is not too much to ask – two resolutions. The one for the Center describes the history of the convent going back to 1925, and it will be featured prominently in the reception area for time immemorial. The one for Stormy will be a little shorter, because it pertains to his role. It will be a big surprise for him. We would like you to be the one to present these on July 13.

So..is it too much to ask to get two resolutions – and can they be signed by the entire city council? Or if that is asking too much, perhaps the board one signed by the city council, and the Stormy one signed by Mitch?

Also, if they are too long, I can condense. I love writing resolutions (I truly do) ☺

Thanks for your help on this Jeanne.

Kerry

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